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U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law
(ACPIL) -- Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Study Group

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, hereby gives notice that the ACPIL ODR Study Group will hold a public meeting. The ACPIL ODR Study Group will meet to discuss the next session of the UNCITRAL ODR Working Group, scheduled for November 5-9 in Vienna, and will specifically address security issues relating to the use of the ODR Rules, including measures to address the risk of fraud involving consumers who participate. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

The UNCITRAL ODR Working Group is charged with the development of legal instruments for resolving both business to business and business to consumer cross-border electronic commerce disputes. The Working Group is in the process of developing generic ODR procedural rules for resolution of cross-border electronic commerce disputes, along with separate legal instruments that may take the form of annexes on guidelines and minimum requirements for online dispute resolution providers and arbitrators, substantive legal principles for resolving disputes, and a cross-border enforcement mechanism. One of the key issues that the working group is addressing is the identification of security issues relating to use of the ODR Rules, including measures to address the risk of fraud involving consumers who participate.

For the reports of the first four sessions of the UNCITRAL ODR Working Group -- December 13-17, 2010, in Vienna (A/CN.9/716); May 23-27, 2011, in

New York (A/CN.9/721); Nov. 14-18, 2011, in Vienna (A/CN.9/739) and May 21-25, 2012, in New York (A/CN.9/744) -- please follow the following link:

http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/commission/working_groups/3Online_Dispute_Resolution.html. Documents relating to the upcoming session of the Working Group should be available on the same link in advance of the public meeting.

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 18, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm EDT in Room 240, South Building (SA- 4) (Navy Hill). Participants should arrive at Navy Hill before 12:30 pm for visitor screening. Participants will be met at the Navy Hill gate at 23rd and D Streets NW, and will be escorted to the South Building. Persons arriving later will need to make arrangements for entry using the contact information provided below. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room.

Access to Navy Hill is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend in person are requested to email or phone Tricia Smeltzer (smeltzertk@state.gov, 202-776-8423) or Niesha Toms (tomsnn@state.gov, 202-776-8420) and provide your full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, affiliation, and e-mail address. This will greatly facilitate entry.

A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise Ms. Smeltzer or Ms. Toms not later than October 11. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you would like to participate by telephone, please contact Ms. Smeltzer or Ms. Toms to obtain the call-in number and other information.

Data from the public is requested pursuant to Pub.L. 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Pub.L. 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/103419.pdf> for additional information.

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